GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FLOUTING OF SAFETY NORMS BY AAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the attempt by an Airports Authority of India official to enter the cockpit ofthe Jet Airways plane on flight from Guwahati to Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is permissible under the rules to allow anybody other than the crew members to enter the cockpit;

(d) if not, the reasons for contravention of safety regulations by the said officer;

(e) whether any inquiry into this episode has been conducted;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. On 15th April, 2003, an employee of Airport Authority of India, a passenger of Jet Airways, Flight No. 9W-207, operating on Guwahati-Kolkata sector, tried twice, to enter the cockpit during the flight.
(c) For the purpose of securing safety of aircraft operations, no person shall enter the cockpit during the flight time, other than the persons authorised as per DGCA`s Aeronautical Information Services No.21/1985 dated 20th February, 1997.
(d) to (g) The matter was enquired into by a Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. Since the person was not allowed to go into the cockpit, the question of contravening safety regulations does not arise.